season varied from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,500 per bale and foreign exchange equivalent of Rs. 1700 crore (approx.) was incurred.

(e) The domestic availability of cotton is sufficient to meet the domestic demand. However, import of cotton is under OGL to enable the user industry to procure cotton of desired quality parameters.

Collapse of surface earth at Deolabeda Underground Colliery

*252. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information about the collapse of surface earth at Deolabeda Underground Colliery area due to non-filling of adequate sand;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are many instances and complaints of collapse of surface earth in Talcher and IB Valley Collieries in the past; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to enquire into the reasons and ensure action against the persons who are responsible for these mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Remote presence facilitation system at Qutab Minar

*253. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourists for the first time can enjoy the view from the top of the Qutab Minar without actually climbing up all the way, with remote presence facilitation system; and